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Meeting The Foggy Bottom Association

Edward Sylvester

Staff Director to Representative Ronald V. Dellums,
Chairman House Committee on
the District of Columbia.

Guest Speaker

Monday, Nov. 30
St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K St. NW
8:00 p.m.

All are welcome

The FEW of Constitution Gardens

Foggy Bottom now has its own chapter of Federally Employed Women (FEW). The FEW of Constitution Gardens was started in March of 1980 by a group of Office of Personnel Management (OPM) employees. It is now headquartered at the Columbia Plaza home of its current President K Bender Pearson.

The group's theme for this

year is Power, Influence, and Politics. The FEW of Constitution Gardens believes its programs around this theme will have something for everyone and encourages all interested persons to attend a meeting. All Federal employees and any other interested parties who believe in equal opportunity for all can join. For more information call 223-4876 evenings.



ANC Meeting
Tuesday, December 1
7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Court
725-24th Street

Foggy Bottom Says "No" To 7-11

Foggy Bottom citizens are opposing plans by the Southland Corporation to put a 7-11 store at 911 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., presently the location of Nichols' Superette.

At a special meeting of the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission on October 20, representatives of Southland Corp. presented plans for their proposed store. They do not plan to change the exterior of the building, but want a zoning variance to rebuild its interior.

Citizens, especially those in the immediately affected area, argued that Foggy Bottom has enough food and convenience stores and that a 7-11 would bring unwanted noise, traffic

congestion litter and an increase in crime to the neighborhood. The ANC voted to oppose the variance before the Board of Zoning Adjustment and appointed Commissioner Howard Feldman to testify in its behalf.

The proposed site of the 7-11 is zoned residentially, but because it is already used commercially and because Southland has already secured a lease for the space, 7-11 can move in as a matter of right. If the corporation does not get its variance, however, it could not make changes needed to enlarge working space within the building and might decide to relinquish its plans.

At its October 26 meeting,

the Foggy Bottom Association resolved unanimously to oppose Southland's request for a variance and will also send a representative to testify before the BZA at its hearing on the case, scheduled for December 2. Residents of the Foggy Bottom Mews, a group of townhouses near the proposed 7-11 store, also plan to appear at the hearing to express their opposition.

"There is strong neighborhood opposition," said ANC Chairman Jonathan Nowick. "We're hopeful the BZA will take this into account and oppose the variance."

Tenants Buy Letterman House

A group of determined tenants capped a two and a half year struggle to control the development of their Foggy Bottom building on Monday, October 5, by purchasing the 118-unit structure at a cost of \$3.4 million.

While the successful effort of the Letterman House Tenants' Association is not the first tenant-sponsored condominium conversion in the downtown area, it may represent one of the longest and most complicated battles over tenants' rights under District of Columbia statutes. Following months of court delays and the accumulation of over \$100,000 in legal fees, the acquisition of the apartment complex this week represented a hard-won victory for the tenants of the Letterman House, evoking both cheers of celebration and sighs of relief.

Letterman House, located at 2030 F Street, N.W., first became the object of this prolonged dispute in May 1979 when tenants received notices of intent to convert the building to a condominium. Under the original proposal, then-owner Oliver T. Carr Company would have sold the property to a group of Washington developers for conversion, and Letterman House tenants would have had no participation in the development of the building.

The legal battle for control of the property focused on

Tenants' Association claims that tenants had been denied the opportunity to purchase the building on terms comparable to those offered to area developers, an opportunity guaranteed under a 1977 D.C. law in effect at that time. The developers seeking to convert the property countered by arguing that the extension of the controversial condominium conversion law had been approved through the inappropriate use of emergency powers granted to the City Council in its "home rule" charter, and that tenants' rights under the act were necessarily invalid.

The resolution of this legal confrontation was not without costs to the tenants. Having exhausted its financial resources and lacking the capacity for funding another two years of court hearings and appeals, the Letterman House Tenants' Association accepted an out-of-court settlement which gave the tenants the chance to purchase the building, but which also required compensation to the

developers' group. The Association thereby sacrificed some of the potential benefits for its members in order to ensure its control of the conversion process.

"In many ways, the Letterman House Tenants' Association was forced to shoulder the legal costs of defending past conversion statutes for the District of Columbia," LHTA president LaRae Davis said. "It is unfortunate that the City Council did not act sooner to protect the legitimate rights of tenants facing the threat of conversion, rather than maintaining vague requirements through the use of emergency powers and rendering such rights virtually impossible to enforce."

The 1977 condominium conversion statute was struck down in D.C. Superior Court last year as inconsistent with the District's "home rule" charter. Following this court ruling, the District responded with the adoption of even more stringent controls govern-

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Last Chance!

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Foggy Bottom Loss - Chevy Chase-Friendship Gain

Mary E. Healy

By the time you read this article the Golden Table Restaurant, in the Columbia Plaza complex, will have ceased operation. Seymour and Ron Rich are closing the Golden Table after 13 years of successful operation — preceded by 28 years in another Bottom location — Rich's at 19th and E Sts.

The restaurant business is a hard task master — particularly a family — run business like the Richs operate. So, after almost a half a century in the Bottom, late last year, the Richs sold the Golden Table with the idea of opening a new restaurant closer to home. Unfortunately the sale did not turn out as the Richs expected and in the interest of continuing service to our

neighborhood they "took the restaurant back" several months ago and have been operating it since with their usual fine food and excellent service.

Friends, neighbors and customers will miss Seymour and Ron Rich. They and their fine staff provided us with an excellent restaurant and they were an outstanding supporter of our Foggy Bottom Association in its efforts to improve our community. We wish them well in their new location, which is not too far by car from the Bottom and bus service is available. While Seymour and Ron know that they won't see us as regularly as in the past they do hope that we will visit their new restaurant. They guarantee

that we will find that the high standards established for food and service at the Golden Table will be the same in the new place.

The new restaurant is: RICH'S PLACE, located in the Holiday Inn at 5520 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., just across from Saks Fifth Avenue and close to Lord and Taylor, Woodward and Lothrop and Neiman-Marcus. Seymour tells me his menu will remain Continental, featuring beef, veal, fowl and seafoods. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served seven days a week, with Brunch on Sundays. Good luck Seymour and Ron. We will miss you — our loss is definitely Chevy Chase-Friendship's gain.

Letters to the Editor

We would like to thank the Foggy Bottom Association and its members for their endorsement of The George Washington University Revenue Bond Act of 1981 at the Association's meeting on September 28. This demonstration of good will between the Association and the University is deeply appreciated by members and friends of the University community. On the following

night the Foggy Bottom-West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission withdrew its opposition to the bill and we are also appreciative of that action.

We note with interest the plans that have been expressed for the Foggy Bottom Association for the coming year and by separate correspondence to the president of the Association we are extending an invitation to use the University

Mall between 23rd and 24th streets as the location for your block party, provided that it can be arranged around the University's academic schedule.

Once again, thank you for your cooperation and support.

Charles E. Diehl
Vice President and Treasurer
The George Washington University

Editor:

Missed Bill Lattin's column on gardening in this month's *Foggy Bottom News*.

Hope he was simply busy tending golden chrysanthemums and other fall glories and that his article will return in next month's paper.

Sincerely,

Barbara Ann Ruane

Editor:

I am a tenant of the Marcheta Apartments, 1121 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., one of the few remaining low-rent buildings in Foggy Bottom. The 88 tenants pay an average of only \$160/month for efficiencies and one-bedrooms.

When we were informed that our building was up for sale last year, we immediately organized. Recognizing the power of our first rights of refusal, and because of our extremely limited financial resources, the tenants association decided to go into partnership with a developer, whereby they would put up the money for the purchase of the building and we would all

agree to move out in exchange for \$600,000. After deducting our association's expenses, this would be approximately \$6,500 for each tenant and \$8,000 for those tenants over 62. The developer had a buyer for the building and planned to renovate it after we had vacated. Although negotiations had been going on for months, it was only *Six Hours* before we were to sign our partnership agreement that their buyer backed out of the deal and we were unable to sign the contract. The buyer turned out to be George Washington University.

This irresponsible move on the part of GWU almost caused the tenants to lose their first rights of refusal.

Thankfully, despite the fact that the developer no longer had a buyer, they agreed to put up the \$50,000 earnest money necessary to secure our rights for another 120 days. This has posed an extreme hardship on tenants as many of us, particularly the elderly, are trying to plan our futures and suddenly find ourselves uncertain of when we need to move and how much money we can expect to receive. Worse, there are a number of tenants who had already vacated their apartments and if they want to hold their interest in the Marcheta they must pay double rent until we negotiate a new contract.

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ANC NEWS

Excerpts from the November 10 meeting of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A).

The ANC office is located 15 1920 G Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20006. Phone number is 659-0011. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. The elected members of the Commission are Jon Nowick, Lou Rigdon, Maria Tyler, Howard Feldman, Steve Levy and Jimmy Molinelli. Rick Churchill is the administrative assistant.

Alley Closing Procedures: The ANC voted to oppose portions of a City Council bill on alley closing procedures that would exempt many alley closing applications from public hearings. In the past the ANC has used such hearings both to support and oppose development projects that required alley closings.

Census Undercount: Commissioner Levy furnished data to substantiate the claim that the recent census seriously undercounted large parts of the neighborhood's population, including many GWU students living on campus who legally should be counted. Levy cited as an example an undercount of nearly 1,000 people on one block. He thanked GWU and Councilman Wilson's office for compiling the data and said he would continue his efforts to insure an accurate count.

Development Rights Bill: The Commission adopted a resolution opposing a City Council bill granting developers broad authority to transfer development rights and granting the Mayor sweeping eminent domain powers. Commissioner Levy presented the resolution, which was drafted with the help of area resident Karen Gordon.

F Street Project: Commissioner Nowick reported that the Board of Zoning Adjustment on November 10 had endorsed an understanding worked out between the ANC and developers of a project at 2106 F Street. The ANC in October had decided not to oppose a side yard variance needed for the mixed-use condominium/medical clinic project if the developers agreed to limit the clinic to the basement and use the remainder of the building strictly for long-term housing. The developers consented and sent a letter to that effect to the zoning board. Clinics are currently an allowed use in most residential areas.

Historic Preservation: Chairman Nowick scheduled a Public Forum for November 18 to determine whether the ANC should allocate several thousand dollars for historic preservation research aimed at identifying buildings that could be nominated for landmark status. A preservation research firm contacted by the ANC has proposed a comprehensive study of Foggy Bottom/West End as a first step before submitting any new landmark applications. A second public forum would be held before any applications were made. FBA Acting President Maureen Holscher and local preservationist Karen Gordon spoke in favor of such a study and said new landmark applications would be useful to preserve the neighborhood's character. The ANC has successfully submitted several such applications in the past.

Rigdon Award: The meeting participants congratulated Commissioner Rigdon on having won the Department of Justice's Handcapped Man of the Year Award.

Riverside Towers: Commissioners Levy and Molinelli offered to mediate between the Riverside Towers Hotel and several neighbors over the hotel's removal of a fence from a newly acquired property at 2206 F Street. Hotel representatives at the meeting expressed a willingness to work with the neighbors to meet their concerns about aesthetics and safety. The two parties will report back to the ANC at its next regular meeting on December 1.

Seven-Eleven: The ANC reported a postponement until December 2 of a Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing to decide whether a 7-Eleven store could be located at 912 New Hampshire Avenue, currently the site of Nichols grocery store. The ANC had opposed the zoning application in October after hearing testimony from 7-Eleven representatives and the public. Commissioner Feldman will testify on behalf of the ANC. Interested citizens are encouraged to attend (See related story in this issue).

Stevens School Donation: The Commission voted to donate \$100 for the second consecutive year to the Stevens elementary school's Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. Stevens representative Sandra Spier thanked the ANC for its continued support.

Outreach For The Elderly

It has become increasingly difficult for many of our community's elderly to lead independent lives. Some are homebound and many are at risk of institutionalization. The George Washington University Medical Center's Community Outreach Program for the Elderly has received support from the Office on Aging and the Eugene and Agnes Meyer Foundation to extend its services to meet the needs of these elderly District citizens so that they may remain in our community.

The New case management and assessment services of the GW program will extend to a limited number of homebound individuals greater than 60 years old, who live within a four mile radius of the Medical Center and are not receiving services from another social agency. Case management and assessment provides a variety of services including evaluation of the individual's medical dental and mental health needs, developing links for the person to other community service providers, in-home medical evaluation, referral to the GWUMC geriatric service for those people without a personal physician and monitoring an individual's needs following discharge from a hospital or nursing home.

For more information about the program contact Nona Boren, Director or Margaret Haske, Service Coordinator at 676-3721.



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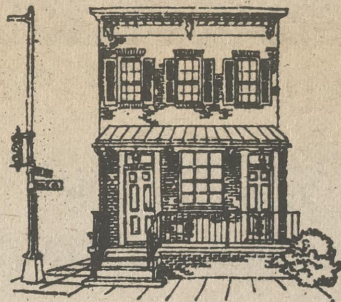
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American Institute of Architects Foundation, and at the adjacent AIA national Office, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W., November 11, 1981 — January 3, 1982.

The design competition was sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, a private, non-profit organization authorized by Congress to build a national memorial to

Neighbors On K St.

Daniel Haslam

Foggy Bottom residents with a curiosity for the new and the interesting will be pleased to learn of the existence of the Corporation for Enterprise Development (CED) and the American Running and Fitness Association (AR&FA), both of which have shared an olive-drab colored townhouse at 2420 K Street since early 1980.

For passersby of the associations' headquarters, which are sandwiched between the Circle Arms Apartments and St. Paul's Episcopal Church on K Street, clues as to what goes on behind closed doors have been limited to the associations' nameplates on their front doors.

AR&FA's plate has until recently advertised the National Jogging Association (NJA), with the word "jogging" jumbled to resemble a runner's motion. According to Executive Director Liz Elliott, the name change from NJA to AR&FA this past July can be attributed to the need to keep up with the burgeoning growth of the physical fitness industry. "As the running movement began to take off," Elliott said, "the word 'jogging' sort of outgrew itself, and our name change now more accurately reflects what we have already been doing."

And what AR&FA has been doing in Foggy Bottom is servicing a growing membership of athletic-types, hungry for running and physical fitness information.

Founded in 1968 by Dr. Richard Bohannon, 73, now a Dallas physician, the Association's principal purpose was to

give proper medical guidance to joggers. Elliott reminisces that "not many people were running in 1968," and that the National Jogging Association began with only 400 members.

But by 1977, running had been popularized by Olympic star Frank Shorter and others, and NJA's membership doubled that year. And it doubled again in 1978. Today there are more than 35,000 members nationwide and an AR&FA staff of seven in Foggy Bottom to keep runners informed with the latest medical advice on physical fitness, as well as to encourage athletic participation by both experts and novices.

AR&FA is interested in attracting new members from Foggy Bottom (dues \$20 per year) and welcomes office Local residents may stop by AR&FA during office hours or call 965-3430 for more information.

Upstairs in the rented four-floor townhouse is the Corporation for Enterprise Development, a think tank which conducts research relating to new and small businesses. Founded in 1979 by Robert Friedman, CED is funded largely by federal grants and foundation support. Friedman's current project is a study for the Department of Labor on how CETA funds can be used at the local level when the Comprehensive Employment and Training Administration is disbanded in 1982.

The staff roster at CED reads like the Who's Who of community service development. While six to seven

engineers, lawyers and economists are on CED's permanent staff, the numbers swell when outside consultants are brought in to assist on special research projects.

The Corporation sponsored a conference this past March at the National 4-H Center in the District on how the national economy could be revitalized through support of small business activity, and more than 500 people attended the fifty-two seminars. On a smaller scale, the Corporation has the capability to provide technical assistance to a single entrepreneur who wants to open something as simple as a restaurant, according to Ms. Vella Traynham, the Corporation's business manager. The restaurateur could look to CED for advice ranging from technology to tax — for a fee. Funding for CED remains of some concern, according to Traynham, who looks gloomily at the Reagan Administration's termination of the Community Services Agency and other budget cuts. Less government money means fewer contracts for businesses such as CED. But the job of aiding small entrepreneurs goes on at 2420 K Street and Traynham summed up why: "Eighty percent of jobs in this country are offered by small businesses, so why not help them thrive?"

Dr. Haslam has been a Foggy Bottom resident on and off since 1977, and is currently an unemployed law school graduate.

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More than 3,800 architects, sculptors, landscape architects and artists registered — as individuals and teams — to design the memorial to be located in Constitution Gardens near the Lincoln Memorial. The winning design by Yale University architecture student Maya Ying Lin of Athens, Ohio was chosen from the 1,421 designs entered. The competition was the largest of its kind in U.S. history.

A brochure on the competition and exhibition will be available at the exhibition.

The Octagon, at 1799 New York Avenue, N.W., is open to the public Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Saturday - Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. The AIA national office is open during office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Kennedy Center Commemorates Tenth Anniversary

Richard Diebenkorn Poster

A special commemorative poster featuring noted artist Richard Diebenkorn's painting, *Ocean Park*, #83, has been created to mark the first decade of the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. Reproduction of the painting, which hangs in the permanent collection of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, was made possible through the generosity of the artist and the gallery.

Production of the Diebenkorn poster includes a limited edition of 200 posters signed by the artist. The limited edition, priced at \$150.00, as well as the poster, priced at \$15.00, is available exclusively through the Friends of the Kennedy Center. The unsigned poster

will also be available through the Corcoran Gallery Shop and Pace Posters in New York City.

Richard Diebenkorn was born in 1922 in Portland, Oregon. He was educated at Stanford University and the University of New Mexico. His work has been exhibited in one-man shows at the San Francisco Museum of Art, the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C., the National Academy of Arts and Letters in New York City, the Tate Gallery in London, and the deYoung Museum in San Francisco and in other leading museums. A retrospective of his work, organized by the Albright-Knox Gallery was shown at the Corcoran in the Spring of 1977 and he was

selected to participate in the Corcoran's 36th Biennial Exhibition of Contemporary American Painting.

Richard Diebenkorn is represented in the permanent collections of many institutions, including the Chicago Art Institute, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum, the Hirshhorn, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Corcoran Gallery of Art. *Ocean Park* #83 is on view in the permanent collection of the Corcoran; the painting was purchased with funds provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the William A. Clark Fund, and Margaret M. Hitchcock.



'71 BLESSINGS

The Kennedy Center will be a 1971 blessing despite the *Washington Post's* Wolf Von Eckardt to the contrary: "... the monument is nothing but a roadside affair adjacent to a luxury apartment complex ... much too aggressively close to the river."

Only once did he allude to what may prove to be the ultimate genius of the setting—the breathtaking view of the river from the main foyer. There was no mention of the views from the outside promenade cantilevered toward the river for a closer view, nor of the view from the penthouse restaurant, roof gardens and promenade.

Now for the first time the public may share with Watergate apartments the bend of the river views—Key Bridge, Georgetown spires, sunset afterglow on the clouds above Virginia, nighttime jewels of Rosslyn lights, Custis-Lee Mansion aglow and moonlight on this river so loved for its beauty by the man who chose this setting for our city. And viewed from the river—it saved the Potomac. Only Notre Dame can be remembered with such a setting, but never mirrored as are these rhythms of white and gold catching the evening sun.

This "roadside affair" with its ease of access and

Looking Back

In honor of the Kennedy Center's 10th birthday, we reprint a piece that appeared in the January, 1971 issue of the Foggy Bottom News.



underground parking will surely see all metropolitan Washingtonians dressing up again and thronging the main foyer to see their colorfully costumed visitors from the embassies and offices of every land. For once there will be room for all of us to leave our seats—and for opera, ballet, symphony and drama under one roof.

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History By Brendon Gill

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Titled simply "The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts," the book will be published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc., and will be available for sale on December 4th at the Kennedy Center through the Friends of the Kennedy Center in both hardcover and paperback editions. The book will be available to the publishing trade in Spring 1981.

The Kennedy Center's 10th anniversary volume will contain 120 color plates and 69 duotone and black and white plates of the building and its programming highlights from 1971-81. Abrams will offer the hardcover edition for \$25 and the paperback for \$12.95.

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The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry opened Saturday, November 21, at The United Church, located at 20th and G Streets, N.W. The Pantry is a food supplement service which will provide groceries for recipients to prepare meals in their homes.

The Food Pantry will serve Foggy Bottom residents who are disabled, elderly and with fixed incomes, food stamp recipients, families on AFDC (Aid for Families with Dependent Children) and those who are temporarily unemployed. Persons wanting to use the

food supplement service may come to the G Street entrance of The United Church on the first and third Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for food pick-up. Special arrangements can be made for delivery to the home-bound.

This project is jointly sponsored by The United Church and St. Stephen-Martyr Church, at 25th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. For information or to volunteer your services, contact Father Begg at 785-0983 or Reverend Morse at 331-1495.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM QUEEN ANNE'S LANE

The Bottom baby boom continues. Jeanne Eugenie Chabrier was born September 9th to Mrs. Paul E. Chabrier. Patricia Chabrier's mother came from Argentina for the event. The proud father, Mr. Paul E. Chabrier, is associated with the International Monetary Fund.

Welcome to Christopher and Carol Scott who have just moved to the Lane. The Scotts, who are friends of Stephen Freda, formerly lived in the Dupont Circle area.

Eileen and Murdaugh S. Madden visited Barbara and Grace Watson on Martha's vineyard over labor day week end, and then flew to South Yarmouth, Massachusetts for a few days. More recently Murdaugh went to San Francisco on business and then he and Eileen went on to Seattle to visit friends.

Michael and Jane Checkan were in New Jersey to visit with Michael's mother en route to a fortnight's visit to Switzerland and France. Marguerite Stoessel has had relatives visiting from Lima, Peru. Mrs. Maria de Macchiavello and daughter, Giulio, who is attending college in Boston.

Our condolences to Geoffrey Tyler, the husband of our ANC Commissioner Maria Tyler, whose father died recently in Melbourne, Australia. My husband and I have just returned from a visit to New Mexico, where we attended a wedding in Albuquerque. The tenth annual air balloon festival was taking place there with 456 balloons and hundreds of balloonists from the United States and foreign countries participating in the event. We managed to hitch a ride in a balloon one morning, went up some 2,000 feet and drifted over part of Albuquerque before coming down gently in a field and being retrieved by our expert chase crew. It was an exhilarating, thrilling experience.

The foliage was especially bright and colorful in October when my husband and I drove to the annual Catocin Colorfest in Thurmont, Maryland. Approximately 1½ hours from the Lane, it's a pleasant easy ride from here. Do plan to go next year.

We were delighted to see David Mills again. He had been in Indonesia and England for a few weeks. Nimma Mullens flew to Kalka, India, to visit her ailing mother, Mrs. Bogra. We are happy to learn that Mrs. Bogra's health has improved. Richard Mullens joined his wife in Kalka, and after visiting with family and friends they had a delightful holiday touring India. Wiley Chamber visited up-state New York. Marguerite Stoessel has had visitors, Nicholas and Nana Cardenas, both from Venezuela. Nicholas is a doctor presently connected with a hospital in Boston. Annemarie Emmet has just returned from two weeks holiday in Paris. We are sorry to lose our good neighbor, Luther H. Hodges, to Georgetown. We wish him the best.

My husband and I learned the hard way some of the current facts about the traffic situation in the bottom when we were involved in a car accident in Hughes Mews. Our grateful thanks go to Grace and Barbara Watson, David Mills, Bonnie Canning, The Metropolitan Police, and especially the Emergency Center at George Washington University: we are indebted to them all. Happy Thanksgiving.

Mary Brewster

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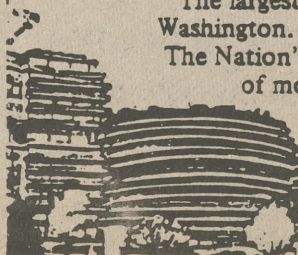
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The subject of the art works is historic buildings in Washington, Red Lion Row and Octagon House, which are both in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

The art show is scheduled to coincide with the White House Conference on Aging, which takes place the last week in November. Foggy Bottom residents are cordially invited to stop in at the Gallery and see this work.

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Autumn

Maureen Mosher

Halloween - October - the words conjure up withered stalks rustling on a crisp night breeze; ghostly copper/silver hues a from a moon within easy reach; azure, stretching far as the eye can see, splashed with scarlet and gold; the soft thud of ripened fruit on a leaf-strewn-ground; silent still shadows beneath a harvest moon.

It is a time of anticipation. Not the giddy Dionysian anticipation of spring - but a quiet, resigned anticipation - much like the warm pleasure of that moment of surrender to sleep, burrowed in layers of cotton and wool. It is a time of reckoning with the elements - of reaping the harvest, preserving its fruits, enjoying the warmth without ignoring the coming cold - of withdrawing and preparing for the time of rest.

Robert Frost knew these feelings of anticipation, resignation and perseverance in a poem to the coming season: "The woods are lovely, dark and deep./But I have promises to keep,/And miles to go before I sleep,/And miles to go before I sleep."

News From 25th & Eye Streets

Foggy Bottom lost one of its longtime residents this summer when Esther Jones passed away in July. She was known to many as **Queenie**, and had lived on Eye Street for a very long time, and elsewhere in FB prior to that. The tiny Queenie was in her 80's, and died peacefully in her sleep. She had lived with her nephew, **Bob Jones**.

Best wishes for a speedy and successful recovery go to **Betty Valicenti**, who is presently wearing a cast on her leg. She injured her knee, and is already frustrated over the forced inactivity (and no swimming) it caused. Betty and Pat are longtime residents and are among those who really care about the neighborhood (and she's one of our faithful FB News deliverers).

Letterman House

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ing condominium conversions, but this new statute failed to clarify questions of tenants' rights in projects initiated prior to that time, including Letterman House. Only through extended court action was the Tenants' Association able to assert its claims and acquire clear title to the property.

Now acting as developer itself, the Letterman House Tenants' Association will proceed to renovate the property and market units not purchased by its own members, with development assistance provided by Brennehan Associates, Inc.

The residents of Letterman House did pause for a celebration following the set-

tlement on the property. Gathering in the building's lobby, Association members uncorked champagne and celebrated the transfer of ownership with the ceremonial removal of a bronze plaque bearing the Carr Company's name.

"Needless to say, we're all pretty tired and relieved to have this settled after such a long struggle," remarked LHTA vice president Desmond Foynes. "None of us will ever fully understand why we had to fight so hard to get here, but hopefully our success will give some encouragement to others who are seeking to have a say in the development of their homes."

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Foggy Bottom Pre-School

The Foggy Bottom Child Development Center is a non-profit pre-school for children ages 2 to 6. The Center has been located at 1920 G St. N.W., for the past five years. However, a recent decline in enrollment has caused a financial crisis. During this period of retrenchment, the Center is looking for some good neighbors: Volunteer help is needed to assist the Center in assessing the situation and formulating possible solutions. Particularly needed are the services of a CPA, auditor or budget analyst; however, if you have experience or just a desire to help, your interest will be welcome. Anyone interested in donating time or ideas should call the Center at 296-8450 weekdays or 223-4876 evenings.

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Marcheta

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Once again, GWU has shown a complete disregard for low income and elderly tenants. In the past they have displaced people and now, though we at the Marcheta are willing to move, they have jeopardized our possibility of moving with some money in our hands. One wonders why it is so difficult for GWU to give some consideration to tenants' fate, being an extremely solvent corporation. Furthermore, it would seem more convenient for the

University to try to integrate itself into the area instead of alienating all its neighbors. This does not seem to be their policy in spite of all their claims of concern for Foggy Bottom.

Patricia Klorer

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What You Missed

Jackie Durham

Do you know that YOU can reduce neighborhood crime by as much as 50%? The residents of Woodley Park have proven it. Lieutenant Al Herbert of the Second District Metropolitan Police explained how it can be done at the October 26 Foggy Bottom Association meeting.

There are presently 14 active Neighborhood Watch groups in the Second District. Through these groups, citizens are taught how to make their homes less inviting targets for thieves how to participate in Operation Identification making their personal property less desirable to burglars, and how to be alert to suspicious activity in their neighborhoods. The bulk of crime involves skilled or unskilled amateurs and centers around opportunities created by the victim, according to Lt. Herbert. Definite signs to a burglar that

no one is at home are accumulated mail and/or trash, unattended lawns and dark houses.

Lt. Herbert pointed out that only neighbors can tell if a strange car, person or noise should be investigated. He encouraged all persons who become concerned about an unusual activity in the neighborhood to call 282-0050. If a definite emergency has occurred the number to call is 911.

Lt. Herbert also said members of his staff would be glad to come into your home, upon request to mark items with your social security number and to advise you on how to better safeguard your house.

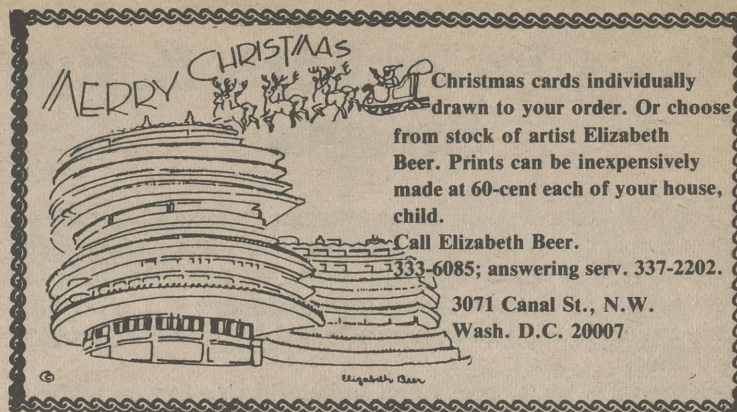
The Foggy Bottom Association is in the process of planning a Neighborhood Watch Group, anyone interested in participating should contact

Maureen Mosher, chairperson of the committee.

Although Mayor Marion Barry could not attend our monthly meeting, he sent representatives from our local D.C. government. Mr. Dick Artis, Director of the Office on Aging, spoke at the meeting. He informed us that there are presently 103,000 senior citizens comprising 16% of Washington D.C.'s residents. He stated that of this number, approximately 5,000 senior citizens receive some kind of daily service for which his office is responsible. These services include visiting nurses, homemakers and meals on wheels.

If you are 60 years of age or older or at least 55 years of age and handicapped, the Office on Aging can provide you with information on nutrition, housing, transportation, medicaid, legal aid, nursing home, etc. if you call 724-5626 Monday through Friday from 8:15 am to 4:45 pm.

There is also a bi-monthly magazine published by the Office on Aging which is free of charge. If you would like to receive this publication "Spotlight on Aging", please send your request to: Spotlight on Aging, 1012 14th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005



Metro Art For The Home?

Have you ever wondered what happens to those colorful maps in the subway cars when new stations are opened?

Every time Metro adds a new rail line segment to its operational system new maps are printed showing the additional stations brought into service. In the past, these outdated maps were relegated to a dusty Metro warehouse. Now, thanks to two former Foggy Bottom residents, they are available to transit buffs, or anyone who appreciates functional graphic art with pizzazz.

Stewart KcKeown and Larry Bruno, two local federal government employees, came up with the idea last fall and offered to buy 'authenticated' subway system maps from Metro that had been replaced in the cars as new stations opened. Transportation Graphics was born and ever since has been marketing each map

as "an interesting conversation piece for the home or office that represents a bit of Washington's transportation history".

Buyers have been found far and wide, including the London Transport Museum which purchased 50 maps for an international transit show planned for the spring of 1982.

The surprising popularity of the maps has the firm looking into other Metro-related items. The partners say they'd love to see everyone in the Washington area wearing Metro T-shirts, carrying Metro tote bags, and drinking from Metro glasses.

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